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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the Japanese patent documents and of the Meier et al. and the Yamamoto et al. articles are also enclosed.

The Meier et al. and Yamamoto et al. articles are discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the subject specification.

The Japanese patent documents are discussed at pages 4 and 5 of the subject specification. The Japanese patent documents are believed to correspond to the following U.S. patents.

Japanese Patent Document No.U.S. Patent No.

11-251610

6,222,117

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6,103,138

Japanese Patent Document No.

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U.S. Patent No.

6,215,061

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. patent application. A copy of this application is also enclosed.

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Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



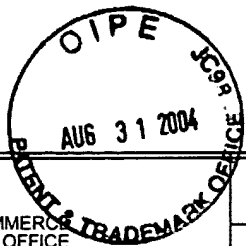
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